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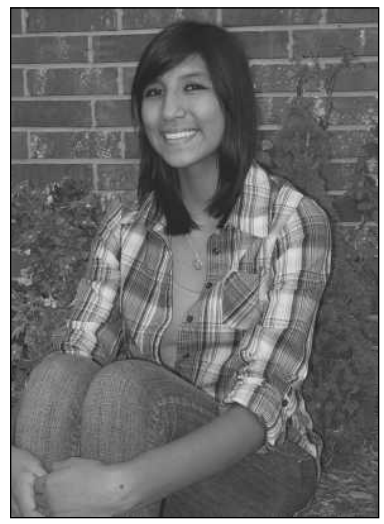

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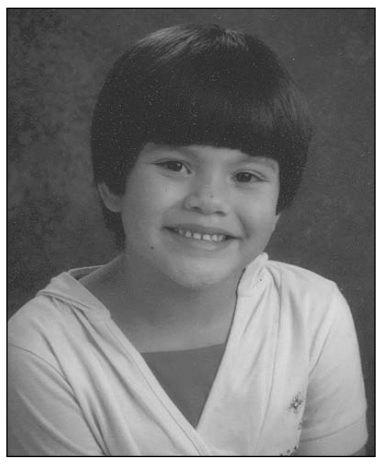

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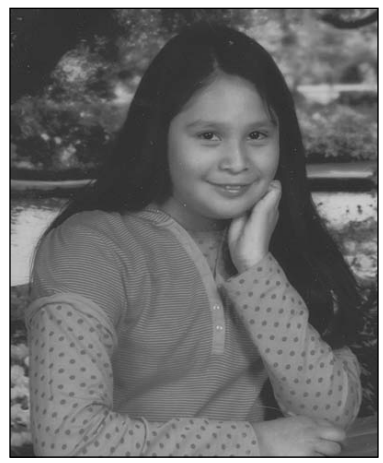

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Chickasaw Princess Pageant set for Sept. 28 at Ada High School Cougar Activity Center

ADA, Okla. - Three young Chickasaw ladies will begin their reigns as 2010-2011 Chickasaw royalty during the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

The pageant will begin at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 28 at the Ada High School Cougar Activity Center.

Young ladies will do their best to become Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess or Little Miss Chickasaw.

The new royalty will have the honor and privilege of serving as Chickasaw Nation ambassadors at various functions and events across the country during their one-year reigns.

Chickasaw royalty for 2009-10, Chickasaw Princess Jessie Miller, Chickasaw Junior Princess Alexis Walker and Little Miss Chickasaw Lauren John, will make their final appearances during the ceremony.

Chickasaw Princess participants are ages 17 to 25;

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Janessa Dusk Monetathchi is the 23-year-old daughter of Dusk Monetathchi and Melanie Cravatt Monetathchi. She is a student at Body Day Business School, Durant, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Miss Chickasaw Princess"

Chukma, My name is Janessa Monetathchi. I am a proud Chickasaw Citizen with great potential to lead other young Chickasaw ladies to a better and more secure way of life. I am well versed on the youth and family programs, education scholarships, and am able to embrace the culture of our Chickasaw tribe.

When I was younger my father used to be involved with the Chickasaw Nation sports clinics. I would travel around with him to all different cities promoting good health, environment and exercise. Now that I am older I can apply these very techniques of leadership skills back to my community. One particular way I have done that is by starting my own business in massage therapy.

I received my education from Body Day Business School in Durant, Okla. The Chickasaw Nation paid for my school and equipment I needed. My clients have given excellent reports back. My professionalism and leadership skills that I was taught at a young age, can further help my community and as well as others.

I can never learn enough about massage therapy, business and our Chickasaw culture.

From elementary to high school to present day I am very much involved with the Chickasaw Nation Council and its culture. I am a voter and take pride in being Native American.

One of my favorite memories was the opening of The National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. It was an eye opening experience to see all the Native Tribes in their regalia, dance their way toward the capital. This had much impact on me and my life to this day.

The youth and family programs, education scholarships, and the ability to embrace the culture of our Chickasaw tribe has helped form who I am today. I know if I was to become Chickasaw Princess I could more than uphold and sustain great honor to the Young Chickasaw Women and be a blessing to my Chickasaw people, Yakokí.

Sesiley Robertson

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Sesiley Shazay Robertson is the 17-year-old daughter of Richard Robertson and Clarice Culberson. She is a junior at Latta High School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Miss Chickasaw Princess"

Chukma Chin Chukmata!

Hello how are you doing! My name is Sesiley Robertson. I am the daughter of Clarice Culberson and Richard Robertson and the granddaugther of Dianna Dean Tyson and great-granddaughter of Vinola Brown. Randy Fullagar, Leonard Fullagar, Vinola Brown and Clarice Culberson help me to stay courageous in this program. I am a Christian girl who attends the Covenant Cumberland Presbyterian Church. I am 17, a junior at Latta High School, a member of the Cheerleading squad and Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). I do my best and push myself to succeed every day!

Six years ago in 2004, I ran for Little Miss Chickasaw Princess. I was so honored to have the opportunity to serve the Chickasaw Nation and get to meet new people and travel and learn about other cultures. It was so much fun and exciting to get to travel around and go to pow wows and meet other tribes. There were so many beautiful things that your eyes could see! I thank the Chickasaw Nation for giving me that opportunity. If it was not for them I would not know that there was so much out there! There is so much to explore and learn. You may not realize it until you actually get to experience it. I was sad when I had to give up my reign. Now I am back, six years later, ready to run again! Only this time, I'm running for Miss Chickasaw Princess.

Why I would like to be the Miss Chickasaw Princess this year is because I would love to have the opportunity, once again, to represent and support the Chickasaw Nation. I hope that I can show improvement and learn more. I would set it as my top goal to achieve and continue from there. I want to make my family proud and be a role model for the upcoming and future Princess. I want to prove to myself, also, that if you put your heart and fullest into it, then you can succeed in anything. More importantly, the Chickasaw Nation is a very important part of the world. It is one of the country's many Native American tribes and every part of the culture is important! The Chickasaw Princess parts are included in that culture. As time passes and I look back in time I want to look back and tell about it and how great it was to represent and so on for the other princesses. To me it has a big meaning to represent the Chickasaw Nation. If I had the opportunity to do this again, I would do my best in fulfilling my duty and roll. I would put may heart into this and work to make the best of it. I really do love our Nation and would be honored to be a princess again.

Yakokee!

Sesiley Robertson

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State of the Nation address live online

A live video and audio stream of the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and "State of the Nation" address by Governor Bill Anoatubby will be available on the Chickasaw Nation Web site and KCNP Radio.

The 50th Annual Meeting entitled "The Legacy of Our Journey" begins at 9 a.m. Central Time, Saturday, Oct. 2. Live broadcast on KCNP Radio and the Chickasaw Nation Web site will begin at 8:30 a.m.

"We are pleased to provide Chickasaws around the world the opportunity to watch the Annual Meeting live," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This is one example of our effort to embrace technology and utilize it for the benefit of Chickasaw people."

A live Web cast can be accessed by logging on to www.chickasaw.net and clicking on the State of the Nation web stream link.

An audio broadcast can be accessed at www.kcnpradio.org

In the Ada, Okla. area, the Annual Meeting can be heard on KCNP 89.5 FM.

The Annual Meeting is called to order at 9 a.m. Central Daylight Time, 10 a.m. Eastern, 8 a.m. Mountain, 7 a.m. Pacific.

The Annual Meeting will be rebroadcast at noon Central Daylight Time, 1 p.m. Eastern, 11 a.m. Mountain, 10 a.m. Pacific.

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Chickasaw Junior Princess, ages 12 to 16; and Little Miss Chickasaw, ages seven to 11. This year's Chickasaw Princess candidates are Janessa Monetathchi and Sesiley Robertson.

In the Chickasaw Junior Princess category, the candidates are Raechell Meely, Taloa Underwood, Krysten Wallace.

Little Miss Chickasaw candidates are Maegan Carney, Keilyn Factor, Anna Palmer and Pakanli Ramsey.

Princess Pageant participants will be judged on traditional Chickasaw dress, random questions, talent and poise.

The new royalty will be selected by a panel of judges and crowned by Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. The new princesses will receive crowns, traditional dresses, shawls, sashes, trophies, gifts and cash prizes.

The Chickasaw princesses have been making appearances for many years.

The heritage of the princesses goes back to 1963 when Ranell (James) Harry, daughter of Chickasaw Nation Governor Emeritus Overton James, was appointed the first princess.

All royalty candidates are required to be residents of the Chickasaw Nation and have a minimum one-quarter Chickasaw blood quantum, submit an essay, three letters of reference from non-relatives plus a 5x7 self-portrait.

Everyone is welcome to attend the pageant, and no ticket is required.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princesses, call (580) 272-7710, or email mary.hartley@chickasaw.net.

Junior Miss Chickasaw Candidates

Raechell Meely

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Raechell Paige Meely is the 12-year-old daughter of Mitchell Meely and Paula Wallace. She attends the seventh grade at Dickson Middle School, Dickson, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Junior Miss Chickasaw Princess"

Chukma! Hello my name is Raechell Meely. I am 12 years old and in the seventh grade. I was born in Ardmore, Okla., and grew up mostly in Sulphur, Okla. I have attended many tribal activities around the state of Oklahoma and I have seen the Chickasaw Nation's Princesses many times. I like traveling to different places and making new friends.

This is my second year participating in the Chickasaw Nation Princess Pageant. My goal last year was to be Little Miss Chickasaw, this year I am going to try my best to become Junior Miss Chickasaw. Being Junior Miss Chickasaw would be a great way to meet new people and make new friends and help me to speak louder. I think this would be a fun and exciting new experience for me.

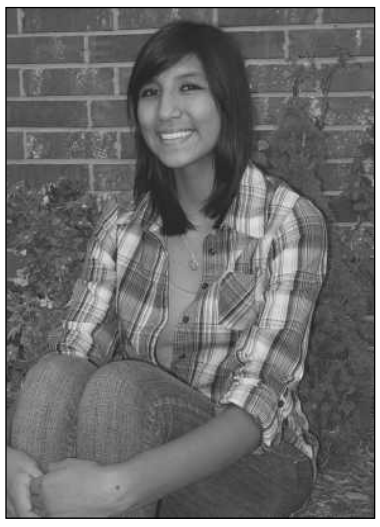
The Chickasaw Nation is filled with many very intelligent people and I am proud to be a part of this Nation. I think this would be a great way to show I am Native American, and I am Chickasaw. I would also like to learn more about my Native American cultures and language, so that I may share this with others. I am open to new experiences for the Chickasaw Nation.

I am glad to have this opportunity. I think this would be an absolute honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation as Junior Miss Chickasaw.

I thank you all for your time and consideration,

Raechell Meely

Taloa Underwood



Taloa Underwood

Taloa Denae Underwood is the 16-year-old daughter of Dennis and Tina Underwood. She is a junior at Sulphur High School, Sulphur, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Junior Miss Chickasaw Princess"

Chukma! My name is Taloa Underwood. I'm the daughter of Dennis and Tina Underwood. My grandparents are Gene and Juanita Underwood and the late Don Boston and the late Mary Boston.

I would like to be princess because I think it would give me a great cultural experience. It would teach me more about being Chickasaw. Becoming princess would not only teach me about my Chickasaw culture but also about other native cultures as well. I think that being princess would be tons of fun. Getting to go on trips and meeting new people would help me gain social experience. Also this would be a great influence in my artwork by giving me inspiration and ideas.

I love doing art and have won many awards. I have won medals in the SEASAM Youth artist competition and have had my work exhibited at the CSAA art show and the Jacobson House in Norman, Okla. In 2010 my painting of a butterfly titled "Chukmasi" was chosen as the artwork for the 2010 Chickasaw Dynamic Women's Conference and Forum.

I think I would be a good princess because I would make a good role model. I believe in participating in positive activities such as music, sports, and art. I'm very much against drug use. I know our world has loads of talent that needs to be used not wasted.

Yakoke,

Taloa Underwood

Krysten Wallace

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Krysten Rachelle Wallace is the 12-year-old daughter of Jason and Kristi Poe-Wallace. She is the sixth grade at Willard Grade Center, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Junior Miss Chickasaw Princess"

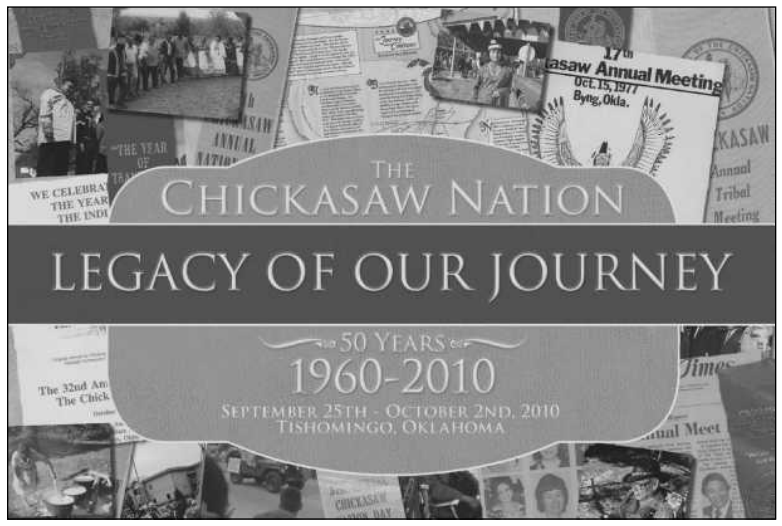
Chukma! My name is Krysten Rachelle Wallace. I am 12 years old and attend Willard School where I am in the sixth grade. My parents are Jason and Kristi Wallace, grandparents are Joe and Hazel Wallace, Debra and the late Leo Poe and my great-grandmother is Pauline Walker.

I enjoy going to cultural events as well as playing softball, basketball and going to church at Okchamali (Blue) Baptist Church.

I would like to be Junior Miss Chickasaw because I want to represent the Chickasaw Nation and tell others about the Chickasaw people. I like to learn new things about my culture, meet new people and tell others about being a Chickasaw, so I know I would really enjoy being Junior Miss Chickasaw.

I think an important thing about being a Chickasaw Nation princess is to be a good role model and want to learn about our culture and I want to do both.

Chokma'shki!



Chickasaws will celebrate 50th Annual Meeting

One half-century of progress will be celebrated during the 50th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 22nd Annual Chickasaw Festival.

Events kick off Saturday, Sept. 25 and culminate Saturday, October 2.

The theme of this year's event, "The Legacy of our Journey" reflects the Chickasaw Nation's proud history, culture and heritage and celebrates the possibilities of tomorrow.

The event also marks the 50th anniversary of the Chickasaw Annual Meeting.

"Chickasaw people have demonstrated an unconquerable spirit throughout our historic journey," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Our ancestors and elders blazed the trail for much of the success we enjoy today. Because of that, we share a sense of pride in our culture and heritage, the courage of our convictions and aspirations to preserve that legacy for future generations."

Activities and events which celebrate Chickasaw heritage, history and customs will be featured at different venues throughout the Chickasaw Nation, including the cities of Tishomingo and Ada, and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Annual Meeting

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby will deliver the State of the Nation address during the 50th Annual Meeting 9 a.m., Saturday, October 2 at Fletcher Auditorium on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Immediately following Governor's address, the Festival Parade will make its way down Tishomingo's Main Street.

The Southeastern Art Show and Market will begin at 11 a.m. at the west Capitol grounds, and a Chickasaw Press book signing will be from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

A traditional meal will be served and a health fair will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the Murray State lawn.

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Little Miss Chickasaw Candidates

Maegan Carney

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Maegan Ann Carney is the 11-year-old daughter of Richard Allen Carney and Angie Amareta Underwood Carney. She is in the sixth grade at Ardmore Middle School, Ardmore, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw Princess"

Chukma!

My name is Maegan Carney. I am 25/32 Chickasaw and live in Ardmore.

I want to be Little Miss Chickasaw because it would be a great honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation. I love to stomp dance and hoop dance and would like to share my talent with other people.

I go to church at Ardmore Indian Baptist and I thank God for all things. I would like to learn more of my Chickasaw language so that one day I can speak fluently.

I would do my best to proudly represent the Chickasaw Nation as Little Miss Chickasaw!

Yakoke,

Maegan Carney

Keilyn Factor

Keilyn Factor

Keilyn "Ke-Ke" Ahni Factor is the eight-year-old daughter of Stanley Factor and Gwen Burris. She is in the second grade at Latta Elementary School, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw Princess"

Chokma! I am Ke-Ke Factor and this year I would like to be selected for Little Miss Chickasaw. I am eight years old and in Mrs. Smith's second grade class at Latta Elementary.

My parents are Gwen Burris and Stanley Factor and my grandmother is Mildred Bohanon Burris. My late grandparents are Rev. Lee Burris, Zora Lee Lasher and Cleo McCurtain Factor. My dad is full-blood Chickasaw and so were his parents.

I would like to be the Little Miss Chickasaw so I can travel to different events and represent the Chickasaw Nation. I will wear my crown proudly and tell everyone that we have a lot of fun things to do in our tribe, like the cheerleading, basketball and language sports camps.

I love going to cultural events and I am a member of Chipota Chikashshanompoli and the Chickasaw Children's Choir.

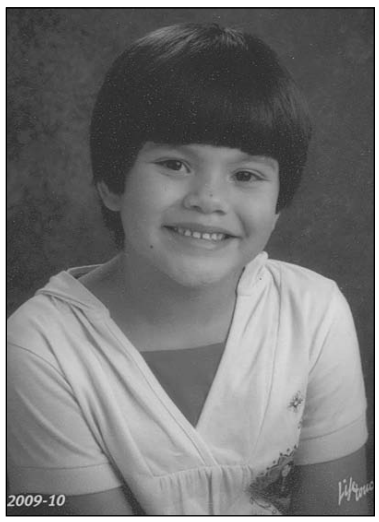
I am also an Upward cheerleader for flag football and basketball. I was a member of the Principal's Honor Roll last year, a member of the ABBIT Society (A's and B's Because I Try) and the Governor's Honor Roll. I am a member of Round Lake Indian Church and enjoy going to vacation bible school and youth rallies.

If selected the Little Miss Chickasaw, I will be a positive role model and be honored to have this title.

Yakkookay!

Kee-Kee Factor

Anna Palmer



Anna Palmer

Anna Mae Palmer is the seven-year-old niece of Stanley and Mary Smith. She is in the second grade at Hayes Center, Ada, Okla.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw Princess"

Chokma!

I am proud to be a Chickasaw Indian. I would like to become the next Little Miss Chickasaw Princess.

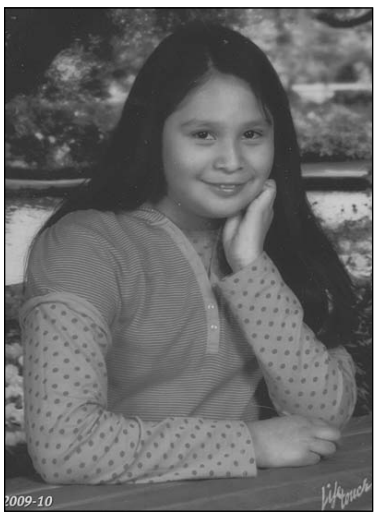
I would represent my Chickasaw people and show them how proud I am of my culture.

I love to sing our native songs and I am learning how to speak the Chickasaw language through my papa, Stanley Smith.

Yakoke

Anna Mae Palmer

Pakanli Ramsey



Pakanli Ramsey

Pakanli Faye Ramsey is the 11-year-old daughter of Jennifer Watson. She is in the sixth grade at Willard Grade Center.

"Why I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw Princess"

Chukma! Saholhchifo-at Pakanli Ramsey.

I would like to be Little Miss Chickasaw because I would be able to go different places and see new sites. I would also like to learn about different cultures.

I would be honored to be Little Miss Chickasaw so that I could teach other cultures about the people, language and traditions of the Chickasaw Nation.

Yakoke.

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the day.

The Chickasaw-produced movie "Pearl" will be shown at 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., and "Behind the Scenes" will be shown at 3:30 p.m., at the Anoli Theater. Storytelling will begin at 2:15 p.m. at the Amphitheatre at take place again at 3:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

September 25 Activities

Several activities, including the annual Junior Olympics, Golf Tournament, Traditional Corn Stalk Shoot and Co-Ed Slow Pitch Softball Tournament, kickoff the week-long celebration Saturday, Sept. 25.

The Junior Olympics, where little ones compete in several track and field events, begins at 9 a.m. at the Tishomingo High School Football Field. Golf Tournament registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and play begins at 9 a.m. at Dornick Hills Golf Club, Ardmore. The Corn Stalk Shoot will begin at 9 a.m. at Kullihoma Softball Field and the Softball Tournament begins at 9 a.m. at the Murray State College Sports Complex.

The Chickasaw Senior Olympics will be conducted 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. at Tishomingo's Pennington Park Saturday, Sept. 25 and the Margaret Roach Wheeler and Mike Larsen art exhibitswill be open Sept. 25 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Sept. 28-Oct. 1 in the Chickasaw Cultural Center Exhibit Hall.

Many exciting events and activities will be conducted throughout the Chickasaw Nation the week of the festival.

Chickasaw Museum tours, cultural demonstrations, youthful celebration, a petting zoo and kids' activities will be available from Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Tishomingo at the Capitol grounds and Pennington Park.

Arts and Cultural Awards

The annual Arts and Culture Awards will take place Thursday, Sept. 30 at the Murray State Ballroom at 6 p.m., with an artist reception/book signing immediately following the ceremony.

Cultural Evening

The annual Chickasaw Cultural Evening begins at 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27, in Sulphur at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Tours of the exhibit gallery, a collection of Mike Larsen's portraits and Margaret Roach Wheeler designs will be on display from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Author Phil Morgan will be signing copies of "Chickasaw Renaissance" and "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" during the day in the Aatifama Room.

Honor Garden tours will be conducted from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and cultural demonstrations and children's activities will be available in the Traditional Village from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Opening Ceremony is set for 5:30 p.m. at the Kochcha' Aabinili' Amphitheater with a prayer and the traditional bell ringing prior to the evening meal.

Closing ceremony at 7:30 p.m. will feature Chickasaw and Choctaw hymns, stomp dancing and a skit performed by the Chickasaw language club.

A complete listing of events, locations and schedules is available online at www.chickasaw.net

For more information call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.